

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2258 - HB 2333

March 12, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Administrative Office of the Courts to develop a standardized risk assessment system for juvenile offenders to include the following:

- Scale for assessing the likelihood of reoffending;
- Classification matrix that links offender with offense type and risk levels and set of graduated sanctions;
- Scale to identify the type and seriousness of psychological needs and directs attention to treatment planning and resource development;
- Provide an automated system that includes:
 - Court professionals to support the system and track juvenile offenders;
 - Secure central repository that is accessible to juvenile and family court professionals;
 - Collection and disposition of data for future decision making;
 - Interactive, on-line risk and needs assessment;
 - On-line classification matrix with sanctions for given risk classifications and offense severity.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$3,000,000

Estimate assumes costs to develop an automated risk assessment, classification, and tracking system networking the AOC and all juvenile courts in the state. A minimum of two full time positions would be required to manage the development of the system while contracting with consultants to do actual development. The requirement to have a secure repository accessible by all juvenile and family courts will require substantial hardware investment and annual operating costs. There is currently no functionality in the TnCis court automation project to support this level of automation requirements.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director